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20 December 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Systems Security Steering Group (SSSG)

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1. This morning I represented you at the SSSG meeting, chaired by John Poindexter. In attendance were Secretary Weinberger, Don Latham, Bill Odom, Bob Kimmitt (representing Jim Baker), Al Keel, and Jay Stevens from the Attorney General's office.

2. Don Latham reviewed the status of telecommunications and ADP systems security in the U.S., with the conclusion that the security of our current systems is extremely poor. Bill Odom then reviewed the status of the programs to fix the systems, stating that there are 140,000 STU-3s being purchased by the various agencies and that it was important to protect these monies. All parties concurred. I stated that the DCI had submitted a program each year within the NFIP to apply "quick fixes" to the vulnerabilities in our existing ADP systems, but that we have had difficulty retaining the dollars in the Congressional reviews.

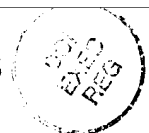
3. Ken deGraffenreid then spoke of initiatives to improve the protection of sensitive information overseas, speaking of the Tiger Teams and other programs discussed at the SIG (CI) last Tuesday. I reminded the group of the provided by the Congress in September for improvements to technical security and that the DCI was urging the various agencies concerned to expedite their programs.

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4. Bob Kimmitt raised the issue of protecting sensitive information beyond the usual national security sector. There was agreement that some information, such as Treasury's financial data, needed protection but that we must not go too far or create the wrong impression with the Congress. Ken deGraffenreid concluded with a short presentation regarding the continuing need for public understanding of this problem.

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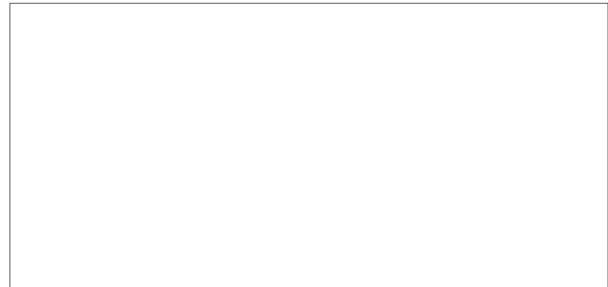
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5. John Poindexter expressed satisfaction with the meeting and encouraged all parties to expedite telecommunications/ADP security. Afterward I asked deGraffenreid to tell Poindexter of our concerns regarding fixing the current ADP systems as well as focusing on future systems security. I assured deGraffenreid we would keep him and Poindexter apprised of our views and impressions on this part of the problem.

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Attachment
Agenda of the SSSG



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AGENDA

FIRST MEETING OF THE SSSG

20 DECEMBER 1985

10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

1. OPENING STATEMENT

Speaker.....Chairman

2. ANNUAL REPORT - STATUS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

Time: 10 Mins

Speaker.....The Honorable Donald C. Latham, Chairman
National Telecommunications and Information
Systems Security Committee

NOTE: The NTISSC is tasked, under NSDD-145, to "submit annually to the Steering Group an evaluation of the status of national telecommunications and automated information systems security with respect to established objectives and priorities."

The Steering Group, under NSDD-145, "reviews and evaluates" the NTISSC report, and "report findings and recommendations through the National Security Council to the President."

3. FY87 NATIONAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET REVIEW

Time: 10 Mins

Speaker.....Lt. Gen William E. Odom, The National Manager
for Telecommunications and Automated Information
Systems Security.

4. NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY FUNDING MECHANISM

Time: 10 Mins

Speaker.....Chairman

5. PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION AT OFFICIAL UNITED STATES FACILITIES ABROAD

Time: 7 Mins

Speaker.....Mr. Kenneth E. deGraffenreid, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

6. PUBLIC AWARENESS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY

Time: 5 Mins

Speaker.....Mr. Kenneth E. deGraffenreid, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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